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SUBJECT: KIEP PRESS CONFERENCE

1. THE CDU'S WALTHER LIESLER KIEP HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE MARCH 7 UPON RETURN A TWO-WEEK VISIT IN THE US FOR THE PUBLICATION OF HIS BOOK "A NEW CHALLENGE FOR WESTERN EUROPE, A VIEW FROM BONN".

2. KIEP SAID THAT FROM TALKS WITH USG OFFICIALS AND OTHERS, SUCH AS GEORGE BALL AND DAVID ROCKEFELLER, HE HAD BROUGHT BACK THE FOLLOWING IMPRESSIONS:

A. BERLIN. US ALSO THINKS THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT MUST BE "A LIVING THING" AND THAT IT IS MAINLY UP TO THE FRG TO GIVE IT LIFE. THE US ALSO CONSIDERS BERLIN THE TEST OF DETENTE. KIEP HAD STRESSED HIS CONCERN OVER GDR ADMINISTRATIVE OBSTACLES, PARTICULARLY CURRENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR VISITORS, AND HAD SUGGESTED THIS PROBLEM BE CONSIDERED IN CSCE BASKET THREE

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DISCUSSIONS.

B. EASTERN CREDITS. US THINKING IS TENDING TOWARD RAISING EX-IM BANK INTEREST RATES BUT THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE US REMAINS COMMITTED TO DETENTE.

C. MITBESTIMMUNG. THE COALITION'S PROPOSAL HAS PRODUCED CONSIDERABLE UNEASINESS AMONG US FIRMS WITH INVESTMENTS IN THE FRG. IF THE LAW IS PASSED IN ITS PRESENT FORM, IT COULD CAUSE SOME US BUSINESSES TO RECONSIDER INVESTMENT IN THE FRG.

D. MIDDLE EAST. MAIN REASON FOR US CONCERN ABOUT AN EC/ARAB CONFERENCE IS FEAR THAT IT COULD ENDANGER US PEACE-MAKING EFFORTS. KIEP HAD EXPRESSED CONCERN AT LACK OF CLEAR FRG POLICY LINE ON MID EAST AND TENDENCY OF FRG TO USE FRANCE AS AN EXUSE FOR INACTION OR INCORRECT EC POLICIES.

E. US-USSR. THE AMERICANS ARE GETTING TIRED OF THE TALK ABOUT THE US BEING IN CAHOOTS WITH THE USSR.

3. ASKED ABOUT RECENT REPORTS THAT THE CDU MIGHT ESTABLISH A LIAISON OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, KIEP REMARKED THAT "A CDU EMBASSY" WOULD BE DESIRABLE BUT IS NOT POSSIBLE BECAUSE IT WOULD BE TOO EXPENSIVE.
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